

# INSIDE THE MALE MIND 2007.

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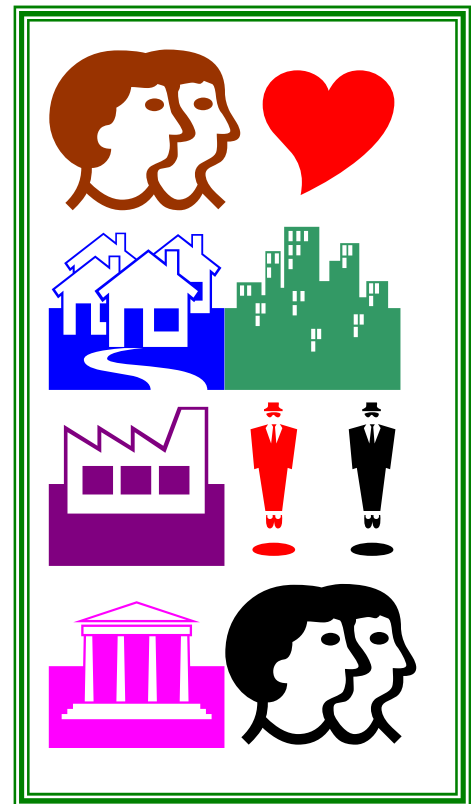
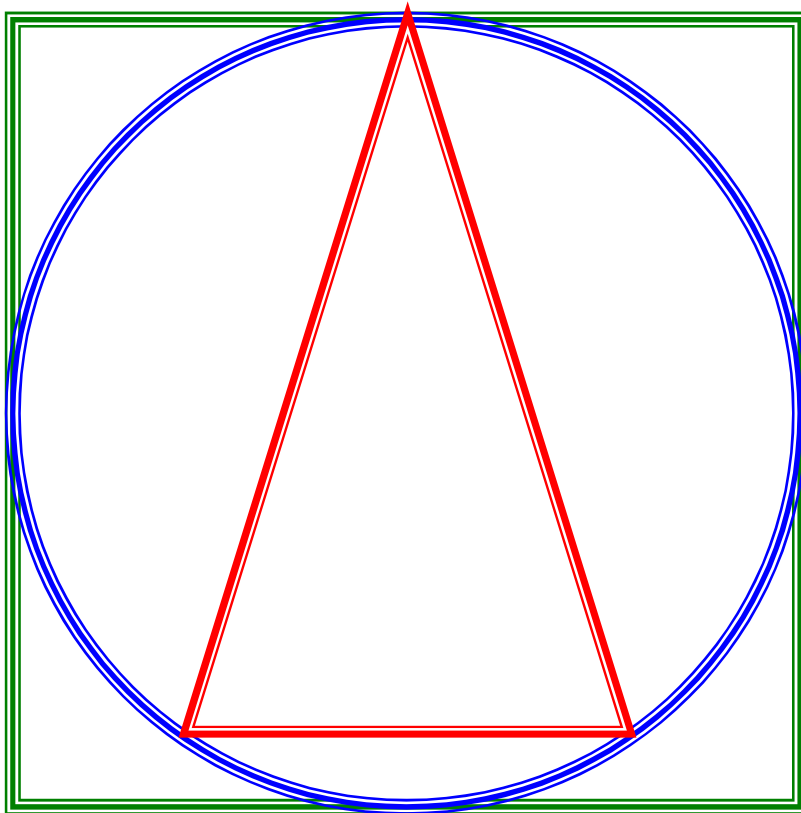
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***Mr. Julian Rogers,  
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REPORT ON STRATEGY MEETING HELD ON  
THUR/28/DEC/07 AT CNMG STUDIO BEFORE  
8PM. ALSO A FEW SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE MADE  
FOR INSIDE THE MALE MIND 2008.

**ATTENTION: Mrs. Gail Seegobin, Mr. Raymond Edwards, Ms. Jessie May Ventour,  
Mr. Justin Dookie, Mrs. Vanessa Herbert Fortune, Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh, David  
Law, Brian Bradshaw, Michael Augustus and Dr. Robert Moultrie.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, was the final airing of the “Inside the Male Mind Programme 2007” and during the strategy meeting before 8pm, we discussed 5 items and made a few suggestions.

*Present in the Studio Meeting were, Donald Berment, Michael Augustus, Brian Bradshaw, Justin Dookie and Vanessa Herbert Fortune. Contributions were made prior to the meeting by Raymond Edwards, Dr. Robert Moultrie, Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh and David Law. Jesse May Ventour contributed to the process, during the 8-10pm review session, via the phone from her holiday location and so did Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh.*

**The suggestions were as follows: -**

- 1. The Programme for 2008 should have a man and a woman co-hosting the discussion, wherever the topics suggest a need for a gender balance from the interviewers and hosted by a man or two men where the topics suggest the need for a “men’s only panel”.**
- 2. The 2008 Programme could be more interesting if it had the following items included: -**
  - (a) A few “voxpath’s (talk views from the street).**
  - (b) A 5 minute feature opinion from an expert in the topic under discussion, with this opinion also being discussed.**

- (c) A musical input related to the topic, either from the station's archive or by hiring an "extempore" artist like Black Sage to produce it.
  - (d) A short recorded dramatic skit, to be used as a teaching aid focused on creating solutions, alongside gender sensitive poetry.
3. There should be Radio, TV and Newspaper "Promo's", for each Programme, in a quantity and quality as funding/sponsorship allows.
  4. To realize the suggestions at 1,2 and 3 above, Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW), is suggesting that the CNMG Group employ two (2) of our members, who will be involved in planning the Programmes, co-hosting them where necessary, acquiring "voxpops", feature opinions and preparing "dramatic skits" and gender sensitive poetry for recording and replaying during the 2-hour Programmes.
  5. The two (2) persons MAVAW is offering CNMG, David Law and Brian Bradshaw, have a long history of being involved in gender studies and related practical men's studies, both with passionate, self learning methodologies. They have attended numerous short courses and training programmes in the same areas and have appeared on TV, Radio and in the press medium over the years.

Consequently, we recommend most highly, that David and Brian be part of the production team for "Inside the Male Mind 2008". Brian Bradshaw's CV is appended to this Report and David Law will produce his own in a few days. An interview with David and Brian can be arranged at your earliest convenience. David's cell phone number is 396-4285 and email address is [davidlaw\\_84@hotmail.com](mailto:davidlaw_84@hotmail.com) . Brian's cell phone number is 483-1226 and email address is [generalrockjaw46@yahoo.com](mailto:generalrockjaw46@yahoo.com) .

Mr. Rogers, until a decision is made by the CNMG Group, we suggest that Justin Dookie and Vanessa Herbert Fortune continue the Programme as per our "suggestion 1" above and with topics from the List provided below.

At this point, in order to place the Programme Title accurately within its concept of providing positive male voices, thoughts and feelings for research, training and self development, today and in the future, I am suggesting that the Programme Title for 2008 be "Inside the Male Mind—Talk Radio Today—Focused on the Future".

With this Title change, in addition to its relevance, there will be no question of infringing any intellectual property, as the contribution of "Inside the Male Mind" by Jesse May Ventour and "Talk Radio Today—Focused on the Future", by me, Donald Berment are given freely to the Nation Building process, as our original ideas, echoing our sentiments, from the domain of applied spirituality.

As recorded elsewhere, the guiding principle for the Programme in 2007, as understood by me, came from this statement, quote *“The philosophical underpinning of this outreach effort, by a Men’s Organisation, Concerned Men and Women of our beloved Nation and a Corporate body, is couched in a belief system, which acknowledges the innate goodness of the human being and seeks to withdraw, embrace and share the benefits of such goodness in a manner and location, where it will produce the most successful outcomes”* unquote.

Therefore, all the topics for this year 2007 resonated in varying degrees and intensity, *gender and development, local culture, psycho social behaviour, men’s studies and professional practices.*

The production Team for 2008 will formulate its philosophical base, structure, topic schedule etc. and can invite other men and women to contribute.

My work in 2008 has been mandated by the valuable 43-2hour contributions made in 2007. I have no choice but to focus my contribution in 2008, towards making maximum use of these 43 powerful, educational, illuminating discussions, already collected in MP3 format.

Inter alia this means: -

1. Getting a new or finding a friendly website to make these Programmes accessible to the world and provide another forum for “Male Talk”
2. Getting all 43 Programmes transcribed in Book Form for sharing with our Libraries, tertiary learning institutions, NGO’s, CBO’s, RBO’s and all Primary and Secondary Schools.
3. Getting an adequate supply of DVD’s and CD’s of this year’s Programmes for distribution to training programmes and counseling sessions, when asked to so do.
4. Supplying all Guests with literature gifts of published work by other guests.

In addition, I will also continue the discussion for a Programme titled “*Inside the Female Mind—Woman Talk—What they say, What they mean*”

The list of suggested topics for next year 2008, until the new production team is established is: -

- From Raymond Edwards and Donald Berment—Calypso, Pan, Mas, Parenting, the Constitution.
- From David law—Boyhood Struggles, Relationship Building, Parenting and Re-parenting.
- From Jesse May Ventour—what it takes to be a man, Men and Family, parenting, Men and Community, Men and the Constitution.

- ***From Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh***—Men who are Calypsonians, Men who are Chutney Singers, Men who are Deportees, Men who are illegal Immigrants, Men who are infertile, Men who cheat on wives/girlfriends, Men who remain in relationships where wives/girlfriends cheat, Men who are schoolteachers, Men who are volunteers e.g. FEEL, blood donors, Men who are ethnic minorities—whites, Chinese, Syrians, Men in interracial unions, Men who are weightlifters, Men who are in Sports with women—aerobics, Men who are Construction workers, Men who are beaten by wives/girlfriends, Men who are self-employed, Men who are Sexist, Men involved in arts, drama, dance, Men who earn minimum wages, Unemployed married men, Men and Terrorism, Men who are Feminists, Men and Racism, Men who are Prostitutes, Men with HIV and AIDS, Men on Death Row, Men who hate other men, Men who are atheists, Men who are mentally challenged, Men in women's jobs, hairdressing, secretaries, Men who are comedians, Men and Scandals, Men who are homosexuals, Men who have been raped, Men and Party Politics, Men and the Glass Ceiling, Men and Masculinity, Men and steel band Violence.

Again on behalf of MAVAW and all the guests who have contributed freely and willingly in providing this valuable resource to our Nation Building Process, I formally thank the CNMG Group most profoundly for the opportunity and their participation, especially the 91.1FM crew, namely:- Mrs. Gail Seegobin, Mr. Raymond Edwards, Ms. Jesse May Ventour, Ms. Esther Saveedra, Mrs. Vanessa Herbert Fortune, Mr. Justin Dookie and Technician Keston.

Special thanks goes to you Mr. Rogers as the Chief Content Officer of the CNMG Group for having the vision to see the tremendous value Radio can provide to healing our Nation.

I wish you and yours all the best for the New Year and beyond.

*Signed .....Donald Berment, Secretary.*

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*G.M. Co-ordinators : David Law, Johnny Bharath,*

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## 2007 Completed Schedule Of Topics For INSIDE THE MALE MIND “women can’t hear what men don’t say”

### 2007 COMPLETED SCHEDULE OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION ROUNDTABLE

## “2007 Inside the Male Mind: Women Can’t Hear What Men Don’t Say.”

*The Primary Objective of this Programme is to provide an immediate and long term enhancement to the Nation Building process. This is achieved by presenting, collecting, recording and disseminating the positive voices, thoughts, opinions and feelings of our males in society during two hour interviews every Thursday from 8pm to 10pm. The material will then be used for research, training, counseling and self development. Sharing this “male space” with women, in a respectful and intelligent manner confirms that healthy relationships can be achieved once there is mutual respect and appreciation. The philosophical underpinning of this outreach effort by a Men’s Organisation, Concerned Men and Women of our beloved Nation and a Corporate body, is couched in a belief system, which acknowledges the innate goodness of the human being and seeks to withdraw, embrace and share the benefits of such goodness in a manner and location, where it will produce the most successful outcomes. Knowledge is Power—Sharing it is Love.*

DATE	TOPIC	DISCUSSION POINTS	INVITED GUESTS
04 January	What it takes / means to be a man in today’s society / world <b><u>(COMPLETED)(1<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men are pulled in different directions; not sure how to be men</li> <li>Socialization is the greatest harm being done to men</li> <li>Societal pressure on men to be a certain way is detrimental to men’s holistic health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donald Berment</li> <li>Michael Augustus</li> <li>Dr. J. Teelucksingh</li> <li>Brian Bradshaw</li> <li>Wendell De Leon</li> <li>Victor Karibiri</li> <li>David Law</li> </ul>
11 January	Men as fathers in the family <b><u>(COMPLETED)(2<sup>nd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance of being a positive male role model for both sons and daughters, nieces and nephews</li> <li>The various types of abusive men.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Russell Foote</li> <li>Wendell De Leon</li> <li>Michael Augustus</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> </ul>
18 January	Men and their communities <b><u>(COMPLETED)(3<sup>rd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance of appreciating, respecting and keeping in touch with your community</li> <li>The importance of being a positive male role model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Mohammed</li> <li>Christine Hosein</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> <li>David of “Congress of the People”</li> </ul>
25 January	Men and the media—Not Done. <b><u>(A RERUN OF Men As Fathers In the Family was Done)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance of being a positive male role model for both sons and daughters, nieces and nephews</li> <li>The various types of abusive me</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Russell Foote</li> <li>Wendell De Leon</li> <li>Michael Augustus</li> <li>Donald Berment.</li> </ul>



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01 February	What men really want in relationships PART ONE  <b><u>(COMPLETED)(4<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do men really and want intimacy?</li> <li>Why do so many men simply settle for slam-bam-thank you ma’am?</li> <li>Are men “gun shy” when it comes to commitment or do women drive men away by defining the relationship?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Russell Foote</li> <li>Wendell De Leon</li> <li>Michael Augustus</li> <li>Brian Bradshaw</li> </ul>
08 February	What men really want in relationships PART TWO  <b><u>(COMPLETED)(5<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Great Interest in the airing of this Topic last week suggested that another session should be aired to allow for participation.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Russell Foote</li> <li>Wendell De Leon</li> <li>Michael Augustus</li> <li>Brian Bradshaw</li> </ul>
15 February	Men and Carnival  <b><u>(COMPLETED)(6<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men as artistes and bandleaders</li> <li>The male calypsonian</li> <li>The pan man and Men in Calypso e.g. Machel Montano, Bunji Garlin, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Russell Foote</li> <li>Alexander (D Great)</li> <li>Lowenthal</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> </ul>
22 February	Men and Sex PART ONE  <b><u>(COMPLETED)(7<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dangers lurking today i.e. disease</li> <li>The problems and dysfunctions with the coming of age, diabetes, cancer, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Giriraj Ramnanan</li> <li>Brian Bradshaw</li> </ul>
01 March	Men and Sex PART TWO—Not Done. <b><u>(A RERUN OF Men and Sex PART ONE)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Because of the importance of this topic to Nation Building and the developing of well balanced citizens Part Two will consolidate the main issues.</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Giriraj Ramnanan</li> <li>Brian Bradshaw</li> </ul>
08 March	Men’s health : PART ONE  <b><u>(COMPLETED)(8<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why men should be more concerned about living healthier lifestyles</li> <li>Positive Thinking and Health</li> <li>Herbal medicine, Nutrition and Health.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Joel Teelucksingh</li> <li>Dr. Robert Moultrie</li> </ul>
15 March	Men and Spirituality  <b><u>(COMPLETED)(9<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The difference between religion and spirituality</li> <li>Men as spiritual beings i.e. how religion defines what a man should be</li> <li>Men feeling left out / isolated / disconnected from the church.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clive Nunez</li> <li>Dwayne Henderson</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> <li>Dr. Robert Moultrie</li> </ul>
22 March	NO PROGRAMME TO RUN	SPACE WAS PAID FOR BY SPONSOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY	GUESTS TO BE RESCHEDULED

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29 March	Men and Feminism <b><u>(COMPLETED)(10<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Men as pro-feminists</li> <li>▪ Is there a feminist backlash?</li> <li>▪ Are men being marginalized?</li> <li>▪ What is Gender Mainstreaming.</li> <li>▪ Is our Draft Gender Policy neutral?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregory Sloane Seale</li> <li>▪ Dr. Robert Moultrie</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Men and Party Politics <b><u>(COMPLETED)(11<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are we getting the best party politics?</li> <li>▪ What is good about party politics?</li> <li>▪ What is bad about party politics?</li> <li>▪ Will women be better at party politics?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rocky Garcia COP</li> <li>▪ William Latchman</li> <li>▪ Dr. Anderson Morris</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Is the education system failing our men? <b><u>(COMPLETED)(12<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Girls continue to outperform boys --why?</li> <li>▪ What changes must be made to the education system to ensure that boys can once again do well?</li> <li>▪ Is it Male Backlash or Marginalisation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh</li> <li>▪ Dr. Lenox Bernard</li> <li>▪ Prof. Judy Sheppard</li> </ul>
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Men and Religion <b><u>(COMPLETED)(13<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is Religion necessary?</li> <li>▪ What are the positives in its practice?</li> <li>▪ What are the negatives in its practice?</li> <li>▪ Why is the male population absent?</li> <li>▪ What is the future of Religion?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ David Mohammed</li> <li>▪ Dr. Kenneth Niles</li> <li>▪ John Johnson Ex. Lay Minister</li> </ul>
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Men as Single Parents. <b><u>(COMPLETED)(14<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Definition of a male single parent</li> <li>▪ Can a single father nurture boys and girls the most effective way?</li> <li>▪ Is the Government doing enough to help single parents?</li> <li>▪ What community initiatives are needed?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MichaelAugustus (Project Anthropos)</li> <li>▪ Wendel De Leon (NIPRF) Fathers Association)</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Men and Sport <b><u>(COMPLETED)(15<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why is sport so important to men?</li> <li>▪ Sport as a means of male bonding and a teacher of discipline and skill</li> <li>▪ Sport for upward mobility for disadvantaged youth.</li> <li>▪ The contribution of sport towards building communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Thomas (Martial Artist)</li> <li>• Vidia Ramphal</li> <li>• Brian Bradshaw</li> <li>▪ Dr Russell Foote</li> <li>▪ Dr. Roy Mac Cree</li> <li>▪ Dr. Iva Gloudon</li> </ul>



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10 <sup>th</sup> May	Men and Mental Health (PART 1) (Depression/Stress/Trauma) <b><u>(COMPLETED)(16<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is Mental Health?</li> <li>▪ A survey of Mental Health statistics e.g. men vs. women.</li> <li>▪ What types of mental health issues are prevalent in T&amp;T etc.?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wendell de Leon (Family Therapist)</li> <li>• Dr. Russell Foote (Sociologist)</li> <li>• Nicholas Chadee</li> </ul>
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Men and Mental Health (Part 2) (Addiction/Pornography) <b><u>(COMPLETED)(17<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Main kinds of addiction impacting on mental health of T&amp;T men e.g. drugs, alcohol, smoking, eating, pornography, kinky sex, etc.</li> <li>▪ How big a problem is pornography? Is there a link to increase in gang rapes, sodomy, pedophilia, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Giriraj Ramnanan, Sexologist</li> <li>▪ Mr. Errol Blackman , Manager M.H. S. St Ann’s hospital.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Patrick Isaac</li> </ul>
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Men and the Law <b><u>(COMPLETED)(18<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does the law discriminate against men vs. women?</li> <li>▪ Men seem to be victims of the criminal justice system more than women.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ACP Winston Cooper</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> <li>▪ Cedric Neptune, Pres. Social Welfare</li> </ul>
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Men and Love <b><u>(COMPLETED)(19<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does love really mean to men?</li> <li>• Are men really the great lovers they think they are? How can they be better?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wendell de Leon</li> <li>▪ Brian Bradshaw</li> <li>▪ Dr. Kenneth Niles</li> <li>▪ Father Auguste</li> <li>▪ Michael Augustus</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Men and the Environment <b><u>(COMPLETED)(20<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are the environmental issues?</li> <li>▪ Do T &amp; T laws protect our breaches?</li> <li>▪ Is T &amp; T part of existing International Conventions?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prof. B. Agozino</li> <li>▪ Dr. W. Kublasingh</li> <li>▪ Michael King, CUEC</li> <li>▪ John Blair USA</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Men as Prisoners and Crime Victims <b><u>(COMPLETED)(21<sup>st</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How many men are in prison?</li> <li>▪ Is our system equipped for change?</li> <li>▪ What else is needed in the system?</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. R. Moultrie.</li> <li>▪ Wayne Chance</li> <li>▪ Clive Nunez</li> <li>▪ William Lutchman</li> </ul>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Men still Hurting from Abuse <b><u>(COMPLETED)(22<sup>nd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are the types of abuse to men?</li> <li>▪ Are there enough support systems for men hurting from abuse?</li> <li>▪ How is this abuse observed?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Kenneth Niles</li> <li>▪ Brian Bradshaw</li> <li>▪ Dr. R. Moultrie</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> </ul>

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28 <sup>th</sup> June	Men and Marriage i.e. Men who Marry, Men who never Marry Divorced Men, Monogamy and Polygamy <b><u>(COMPLETED)(23<sup>rd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do men marry?</li> <li>▪ Why do men not marry?</li> <li>▪ What are the benefits to marriage?</li> <li>▪ Is polygamy a preferred union?</li> <li>▪ Are divorced men hurting?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adam Deane</li> <li>▪ Samuel Alexander</li> <li>▪ Marlon Cockin</li> <li>▪ Brian Bradshaw</li> <li>▪ Dr. Kenneth Niles</li> <li>▪ Dr. R. Moultrie</li> <li>▪ Deo from Canada</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Men and Different Lifestyle— Homophobia, Heterosexuality, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Males <b><u>(COMPLETED)(24<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is Homophobia?</li> <li>▪ Is the attitude to different lifestyle choices changing?</li> <li>▪ What has to be done to achieve peaceful societal growth?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Luke Sinnette</li> <li>▪ Dr. R. Moultrie</li> <li>▪ Dr. Raj. Ramanan</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Men working with Executive Women <b><u>(COMPLETED)(25<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Do women make good bosses?</li> <li>▪ What are the negatives?</li> <li>▪ What are the positives?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stephen Thomas</li> <li>▪ Clifton Simpson</li> <li>▪ Donald Berment</li> <li>▪ Jori Daniel</li> </ul>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Men and the Media <b><u>(COMPLETED)(26<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is the Media doing its job properly?</li> <li>▪ What is wrong with present Media?</li> <li>▪ What is the future of local Media?</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ R. Ramcharitar</li> <li>▪ Andy Johnson</li> <li>▪ Vernon Kalewan</li> <li>▪ Wesley Gibbings</li> <li>▪ Shilini Maharaj</li> </ul>
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Men and the Military <b><u>(COMPLETED)(27<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is the Military good for men?</li> <li>▪ Are men prepared to live in society after the training?</li> <li>▪ How do you train men?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Corporal R. Lynch</li> <li>▪ Warrant M. Stewart</li> <li>▪ Corporal V. Dick</li> <li>▪ CMS Garth Edmond</li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Men and the Police Service <b><u>(COMPLETED)(28<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is happening with our police?</li> <li>▪ Are the structures working well?</li> <li>▪ What else is needed?</li> <li>▪ Is the public support enough?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DPC Winston Cooper</li> <li>▪ RPI Ian Miller</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Men and Trade Unions <b><u>(COMPLETED)(29<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are the benefits of Unions?</li> <li>▪ Is the system working properly?</li> <li>▪ How can we improve it?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jennifer Baptiste</li> <li>▪ Robert Guiseppi</li> <li>▪ David Abdulah</li> <li>▪ Rudrinath Indarsingh</li> </ul>

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16 <sup>th</sup> August	Men and Physical Challenges <b><u>(COMPLETED)(30<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is enough being done for this group?</li> <li>If not why not?</li> <li>What are the main concerns?</li> <li>What are your needs from Budget Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George Daniel</li> <li>Michael Ashby</li> <li>Michael Fraser</li> <li>Shervon Campell</li> </ul>
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Men and the Fire Service <b><u>(COMPLETED)(31<sup>st</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is happening with our Firemen?</li> <li>Are the structures working well?</li> <li>What else is needed?</li> <li>Is the public support enough?</li> <li>Describe the training process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSO Celunis Wallen</li> <li>FSUBO Joan Hospedales</li> <li>FF Denise Jayms</li> <li>DFO Mervyn Layne</li> </ul>
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Men and Independence <b><u>(COMPLETED)(32<sup>nd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does Independence mean?</li> <li>Are we achieving Independence?</li> <li>Was Colonialism a better System?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Russell Foote</li> <li>William Lutchman</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Men as Teachers in the System <b><u>(COMPLETED)(33<sup>rd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do we have enough male teachers?</li> <li>Is the absence of male role models in schools bad for national development?</li> <li>Are women teachers coping well?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Lennox Bernard</li> <li>Clyde Permell</li> <li></li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Young Men and Religious Life. <b><u>(COMPLETED)(34<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are young men interested enough?</li> <li>What has to be done to get interest?</li> <li>What about marriage for young men?</li> <li>What are the statistics for young men entering religious life?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PT Gyandeo Persad</li> <li>Fr. Dwight Merrick</li> <li>Mirza Ali-Mohammed</li> <li></li> </ul>
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Men and Divorce. <b><u>(COMPLETED)(35<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are married men happy?</li> <li>What are the divorce statistics?</li> <li>What problems do men face during divorce?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Husbands Club</li> <li>Samuel Alexander</li> <li>Dr. R Moultrie</li> <li>Michael King</li> </ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> September	OPEN MIKE NIGHT <b><u>(COMPLETED)(36<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships and the issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01.1 Talk City Staff</li> <li>Raymond Edwards</li> <li>Stacy 7 Yemen</li> <li>Andrew Chan</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	NO PROGRAMMES DUE TO	25 <sup>th</sup> October	NO PROGRAMMES
11 <sup>th</sup> October	2007 ELECTION MATTERS	1 <sup>st</sup> November	ELECTION MATTERS
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15 <sup>th</sup> November	Men in Leadership Roles—Part 1 <b><u>(COMPLETED)(37<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are Leadership Roles?</li> <li>When is a Leader Identified?</li> <li>What are Leadership Qualities?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commodore Anthony Franklyn.</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> </ul>
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Men in Leadership Roles—Part 2 <b><u>(COMPLETED)(38<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>THE TOPIC OF LEADERSHIP IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME , TO BE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND WITH MEN AND WOMEN,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Anderson Morris</li> <li>Richard Dick</li> </ul>
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Men in Leadership Roles—Part 3 <b><u>(COMPLETED)(39<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>THE TOPIC OF LEADERSHIP IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME , TO BE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND WITH MEN AND WOMEN,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anthony Watkins</li> <li>Dr. Robert Moultrie</li> <li>Dr. Kerry Sumesar</li> <li></li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	A Man and his Money <b><u>(COMPLETED)(40<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does a man view money?</li> <li>What is the best way to use money?</li> <li>Does money affect men’s behaviour?</li> <li>Do women manage money better?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Osbourne</li> <li>Cecil Slyvester</li> <li>Dr. Faud Khan</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	A Life with Books—A Man’s View. <b><u>(COMPLETED)(41<sup>st</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are books important to men?</li> <li>Can books assist in men’s growth?</li> <li>What are the benefits books provide?</li> <li>Are our Libraries doing enough?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Van S. Stewart</li> <li>Kim Boodram</li> <li>Conrad Parris</li> <li>Paul Keen Douglas</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> </ul>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Men and Parang. <b><u>(COMPLETED)(42<sup>nd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How important is Parang to men?</li> <li>Does Parang cause family problems?</li> <li>Is Soca Parang genuine Parang?</li> <li>Are there women doing Soca Parang?</li> <li>Is Calypso better for you than Parang?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenny Joseph</li> <li>Black Sage</li> <li>Calypsonian Crazy</li> <li>Michael Lezama NPATT</li> <li>Ronnie Oliverie</li> </ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Inside the Male Mind in Retrospect. Public Review of the year 2007. The original Team will participate. <b><u>(COMPLETED)(43<sup>rd</sup>)</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did you like the Programme?</li> <li>What were your favorite Topics?</li> <li>What will you like to hear next year?</li> <li>Will you contribute next year?</li> <li>What improvements will you suggest?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessie May Ventour</li> <li>Dr. Robert Moultrie</li> <li>Brian Bradshaw</li> <li>Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh</li> <li>Donald Berment</li> <li>Michael Augustus</li> </ul>

*43 Live Programmes Aired—6 Thursdays were used for Election Data—2 Programmes were Rerun.*

*1 Thursday slot was paid for by the University—giving a Total of 52 Weeks in 2007.*



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7 May 2007

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September 27, 2007

Mr. Donald Berment  
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Dear Mr. Berment,

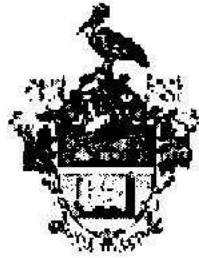
We wish to thank you for the compact disc which you donated to the Rape Crisis Society  
***Inside the Male Mind: Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say.***

You can be assured that the information will be very useful in the different workshops of the Society.

Thank you and continued success in your work.

Sincerely,

Marcella Alcalá  
President



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**DIRECTORS: Christopher Holder, CHAIRMAN. Donald Berment, SECRETARY. Desmond Persad, TREASURER.**

Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007

Our ref: mavaw-IMM/RB-1

Your Ref:

Mrs. Tisha Lee,  
Group Corporate Manager,  
Republic Bank Limited,  
9-17 Park Street,  
**PORT OF SPAIN.**

SUBJECT: Radio Programme on 91.1FM  
titled "INSIDE THE MALE MIND—  
women can't hear what men do'h say"

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Together with Radio 91.1 FM, the organisation **MAVAW (Men Against Violence Against Women)** and other persons, have to date completed 9 (nine) two hour talk programmes, in the domain of applied spirituality, which are suitable for research, training, self and non-self development and an immediate enhancement to national development processes.

This Programme is Titled **"Inside The Male Mind--women can't hear what men do'h say"** and is hosted every Thursday at 8pm to 10pm, by Radio Journalist Jessie May Ventour of 91.1FM and one critical targeted group for the use of these programmes, edited and controlled by their teachers, is the thousands of young males and females who are passing through our school system, minus an input from the positive males in our society, even if it is a recorded voice outreach.

When you visit schools and/or listen to the teachers facing this situation on a daily basis and see their genuine concern in their cries for help, you have no choice but to keep on contributing to this applied spirituality outreach effort.

Thursday the 15th day of March 2007, the first school to get a copy of the IMM CD, holding the first six sessions (see attached Schedule), is the San Juan Government Primary Boy School, situated on the same compound with the San Juan Government Primary Girl School. Over 150 boys have 16 female and 4 male teachers and over 150 girls have 20 female and no male teachers and after providing a 2 hour presentation to the Standard 4 students, under the request and guidance of Mr. Vindra Persad, their Form teacher, I personally saw the immense need and thirst for positive male role modelling.

MAVAW is now seeking sponsors for this programme and the Radio cost for 1 month, with an offer of 50 -30 second advertisements and opening and closing credits on the Thursday the programme is aired is \$TT 5,000.00 (see attached invoice minus the VAT). Cheques are made payable to the CNMG Group. Two sponsors can share 1 month and the Station will use their announcers to make the commercials, if required. Sponsors can also choose their topics and select the dates for airing.

The cost to provide complimentary books to our Guests and selected Callers will be the selling price of these books in the bookshops. The CD's and DVD's necessary to put the talk and video presentations for Guests, Callers and Schools etc., will also have to be considered (no charge for copying them) and could be another \$TT 5,000.00 (the relevant invoices to be sent)

The Bumper Stickers, printer ink and incidental stationery (envelopes, paper etc.) is another cost which is going to be factored in and invoices from the respective stores will be provided to sponsors and could be another \$TT 2,000.00. No money will be given to MAVAW unless absolutely necessary and our methodology for project implementation, as is our methodology for office operations being community base homes of our members, is a pioneering model and simplifies our recording, accounting functions. Transcribing the MP3 Files into text form will cost \$1,200.00TT per 6 Programmes, 1 CD (200.00\$TT per session).

Professional services from 8pm to 10pm on Thursdays at Radio 91.1F is a contribution to National Development from our committed, concerned citizens and members of **Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW)** of Trinidad and Tobago. We know that this effort is very welcome because the feedback is extremely encouraging and look forward to your interest.

**Signed .....**Donald Berment, Secretary.

**Yours In Nation Building**

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**G.M. Co-ordinators : David Law, Johnny Bharath.**

**P.O.R.O.**

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February 15, 2007

**Attention: Jesse May Ventour**

As per our telephone conversation, earlier today, please find the attached sponsorship package for review.

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Hello Folks,

**Inside the Male Mind** has completed 14-2 hour sessions to date and the response has been extremely encouraging. (IMM Recent Schedule attached). The Ministry of Social Development is interested in sponsoring the Project and one PTA has received the first 12 programmes on the first and second CD's.

A total of 62 persons have already received these two CD's and 16 Organisations have been targeted for sponsorship with the first CD included (today 30/4/07)

Some of the Panelists have received textbooks published by other Panelists and it is our intention to supply all Panelists with copies of published work by other Panelists.

This project has tremendous potential for national development and in my view connects all citizens in a movement to address the underemployment of men and women in the Education system.

Not only are we creating a "valuable media resource" for the present and future generation of school children, we are putting the male voice in the environment where it is lacking and sharing this male space with women in a dignified, respectful and intelligent manner, showing how positive relationships can be achieved once there is mutual respect.

In addition we are on "AIR" every Thursday at 8pm to 10pm, providing our citizenry with the opportunity to participate in "Wholesome Talk" on Talk City Radio 91.1FM.

As soon as money becomes available, the advertising will notify the general public of our history and future plans.

The next step will be the offering of these programme CD's to all learning Institutions in Trinidad and Tobago and all teachers wanting same.

After that, will be the Caribbean and wherever else it is needed.

Dr. Russell Foote has suggested that we transcribe the CD's in Book form and this option will certainly be explored.

Folks, as you are aware, this is National Development, so that no charges will be made for the distribution of the CD's and/or book.

What we are doing as responsible, mature citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, is contributing to the solution, which will create a peaceful Nation.

So far we are going full speed ahead and with the grace of God, nothing will stop us.

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Hello Samora and Peter,

(Response to Email from Jamaica, 2/May/2007)

I posted the 2 CD's compiled so far with 6-2 hour sessions on each one, today at 5pm. It may take a week to reach Peter in Jamaica.

The programme is aired every Thursday at 8pm on Radio 91.1FM Talk City Station and finishes at 10pm. The host Journalist and part founder of the programme is Ms. Jessie May Ventour. The other founders are listed on the Schedule enclosed in the letter to Peter and we have completed 14 Sessions to date. The next is Thur/3/May/07 at 8pm, "Men and Sport".

As regards its History, a number of men in Trinidad and Tobago have been expressing the need for a space to reach out to men in society and engage them in wholesome discussion.

A number of men have also been very active in reaching out to men in society, especially those men experiencing violence in their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Some of these men have also been writing and publishing material, which in part identifies their concern and focuses on specific issues, e.g. Dr. Russell Foote, Dr. Robert Moultrie, Dr. Kenneth Niles.

It is within this context, realizing the tremendous potential of the human male to make the best use of the God given talents, gifted to the male, that the programme was conceptualized.

And when you consider that the name was a joint contribution by a man, Brian Bradshaw and a woman Jessie May Ventour, we have the basis for developing true equality with equity. Jessie suggested, "Inside the Male Mind" and Brian suggested, "women can't hear what men do'h say".

Thank you both for your interest and we welcome the opportunity to be part of The MAN Initiative website. You have our permission and blessings to share as much as you can from the CD's. Please bear in mind however, that there are three conditions to be satisfied, if copyright is not to be infringed: -

1. The source from where the material originated must be identified (91.1 FM of the CNMG Group in T&T)
2. The material must be used for the purpose it was intended, in this case education.
3. There must be no monetary gain in the use of the material.

In addition, you could inform the Manager of the Radio Station, Mrs. Gail Seegobin of your interest in the Programme, 868-622-4911. I am sure the link with The MAN Initiative will be most welcome.

The philosophical underpinning of this outreach effort by a Men's Organisation, Concerned Men and Women of our Nation and a Corporate Body, is couched in a belief system which acknowledges the innate goodness of the human being and seeks to withdraw, embrace and share the benefits of such goodness in a manner and location, where it will produce the most successful outcomes.

Donald D. Berment,  
Knowledge Is Power  
Sharing It Is Love.

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On 5/2/07, Samora Bain <[samora.bain@gmail.com](mailto:samora.bain@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Berment, my name is Samora Bain and I'm responsible for updating the MAN Initiative website. I got some information about the programme but I need to know when it is aired and a little about the history of the project so that I can post it. I also proposed to Peter that we could explore making the entire programme or snippets of it available for download and/or streaming. Samora.-- Samora A. Bain, MS

"Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished." Luke 1:45

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E-mail sent by me on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2007 to MAVAW members.

Hello Folks,

The first DVD compiled by us contains our past CD's and 27, 2-hour sessions of the Radio Programmes we have done with 91.1 Talk City of the CNMG Group, titled *"Inside the Male Mind--women can't hear what men do'h say"*. I am going to send a DVD for each of you to listen to and give an opinion in writing of its potential use. The University of the West Indies placed the CD versions, in the West Indiana Sections, here in Trinidad and in Barbados and Jamaica. The Centre for Gender and Development is also making use of the CD's they have been given. The Behavioural Sciences Department is going to use the CD's in their Training Programmes. A couple of local schools have the CD's for sharing to selected student groups. The Heritage Section of our National Library Services has a DVD for patron use. I have started using the DVD in my Counselling Sessions and the first use was very promising. A couple was referred to MAVAW for counselling by a Magistrate in Arima before she made a decision to vary a protection order. The couple had Counselling, read Dr. Moultrie's book and listened to selected talk programmes. The order was varied on Thur/2/08/07. Sunday gone I visited our Youth Training Center in Arouca and the Superintendent Mr. Sterling Stewart will be given a DVD for analysis, with the hope that it can provide some guidance for those 100 plus young males housed there.

The long term vision for this DVD is to have it used in learning institutions, in youth training centers, in prisons, in NGO training and group therapy sessions, here and internationally, eventually having it in every home as a parenting tool. Some of our top academics and experienced adult males and a few females participated so far and the content is very relevant, according to the psychiatrists at St. Ann's Mental Hospital.

When funds become available, all the programmes will be transcribed and the DVD and the text versions will be distributed as far and wide as is humanly possible. The cost to transcribe six (6) 2-hour programmes is \$TT 1, 200.00.

Your opinions will be used to get the State to fund the completion of this project. Hopefully in this election year, they will pay for the Radio time, the books for Guests, the DVD's and CD's, the stationery and printer's ink. The collection of MP3's, compilation of DVD's, office, "go for" and computer time will remain a cost absorbed in the interest of national development.

Six MAVAW members just completed 2 days of intense training by two Yale University Professors on the subject of "Crime as Trauma". The Ministry of Social Development has decided to fund the balance of the training cost for this. Some documents are appended to this email.

***Yours In Nation Building***

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### **What Is The BSD Syndrome?**

The **BSD Syndrome** is a local Trinidad and Tobago analytical concept for Domestic and other Violence, being developed by the NGO, "**Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW)**." (1994).

This concept utilizes the information, research and expertise already available for people working in the area of Violence Reduction, placing all that is presently being made use off, under the phenomenon of a **Syndrome**, identifying **BSD's** in a number of ways, briefly explained below.

Tons of work has already been done on: -

- **Belief System Deficits, (BSD)**
- **Behaviour Skill Deficits, (BSD)**
- **Biological System Deficits (BSD) and**
- **Baggage System Dependencies (BSD)** by practicing

Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Sociologists, Social Workers, Medical Internists, Building Biologists, Nutritionists, Interior Designers and Housing Specialists/Community Planners.

Unfortunately, rarely do more than one or two of these professionals; focus on the problem of Domestic Violence and/or Societal Violence, at any one point in time or in any single piece of literature, primarily because of academic learning structures and egotistical practices.

What the **BSD Syndrome** will do, is to pool all the relevant data together under a **Syndrome** and spread the gospel of a Holistic approach to solving Violence Problems. In the **BSD Syndrome**, you will realize that violence in relationships is a paradoxical issue. Characteristics identified as BSD's in "**abusive outwards behaviour**", is complemented and also considered "**abusive acceptance behaviour**", recording the paradoxical fact that both parties in a relationship have BSD's.

It is therefore, a philosophical and scientific way to moves from the individual discipline solutions to a multi-discipline solution and depends on the acceptance of the **concept** that no one discipline has the answer for a situation where recurring violent behaviour have a variety of influencing elements.

Consequently, a model of the four (4) main characteristics within the **syndrome** can be used for research, analysis and diagnostic purposes. In addition, programmes for development in the four areas identified above, can be designed to replace the existing unsuitable ones, which in the main, contribute to polarizing the sexes, using inflammatory language, limiting the healing process.

A lot of research has already been collected for editing, prior to the preparation of a multi-authored text titled "**Roots of Societal Violence—Understanding the BSD Syndrome**". A few professionals have already been approached to be part of this ambitious project and in due course, some of the challenging logistics will be hammered into place. The days of using "Batterer", "Victim", "Perpetrators" in violence analysis, are numbered in the minority.

A letter to the Webmaster of the most powerful "male issues" website, Bert Hoff is appended to this explanation for further clarification and description of our work as **MAVAW**.

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REPLY TO BERT HOFF

Date: Wed/15/Oct/03

From: [mavawsec@yahoo.com](mailto:mavawsec@yahoo.com)

Hello Bert,

Please accept my sincere thank you, for your quick response and frank comments to/on my Email "Men Against Violence Against Women". Let me also acknowledge here my deep appreciation for your work in maintaining "Men Web" and David Troops' efforts in The Men's' Issues opus. These resources will forever be a tremendous help to all men working on issues which affect men, be it abuse to them, from them, to and from their loved ones and to the environment. Another site to note is [www.menagainstviolence.com](http://www.menagainstviolence.com). The other Email to you, mentioned November 19<sup>th</sup>, the annual celebration, locally and in the Caribbean of "International Men's Day". My wish is that you hold no objection to this celebration and spread the word to the best of your ability.

The philosophy underpinning reduction and elimination of unacceptable violence, in my view, must accept different methodologies, presentation styles and degrees of healing by the persons involved; all based on their personal levels of emotional, physical and spiritual maturity.

Many men, on first hearing about MAVAW and reading our documents, get the impression that we do not realize the full extent of abuse to men or support them to the same degree, as we do women. A closer perusal of our Formal Documents and our History will show quite the opposite.

For the past five years MAVAW (Men Against Violence Against Women) has been operating a 24-hour HOTLINE 1-868-637-0924 with mailbox and cell phone 1-868-753-0804, so that we can testify to the pain and suffering of both men and women experiencing violence in their relationships. Our members sat on the Cabinet appointed Committee, which reviewed our Domestic Violence Legislation. MAVAW men now sit on the Cabinet appointed Committee, which is analyzing the Status of the Family in Trinidad and Tobago. Our Crime Statistics predominantly record offences by violent young males, a serious concern to us as men, fathers, uncles, brothers, nephews, grandfathers and adults. At last count, 5,494 men were incarcerated in our Prison system and 216 women. A fact we aggressively requested to be noted by the formulators of the first National Gender Policy. As our Documents state "We Want Change Not Exchange"

Every Judge, Master of the High Court, Justice of the Peace, Magistrate, Library, Parliamentarian, Calypsonian, Media House and many NGO's to name a few have a copy of our 2002 Domestic Violence Awareness Handbook. On every occasion possible and there is a very interactive media component here; we challenge men and women on their gender insensitive statements. MAVAW coordinated a 13-week radio programme titled "Talking Gender" emphasizing how both men and women are affected equally by violence in relationships.

At present there are five very important projects, which are getting the support of Men Against Violence Against Women: -

1. Publication of a textbook by member Dr. Russell Foote, "Roots Of Youth Aggression: Home, School and Multilevel Interventions",
2. International Men's Day by friend and supporter of MAVAW PhD candidate Jerome Teelucksingh.
3. "Men's TV" a one hour television programme for men, hosted by member Dr. Robert Moultrie, with half hour interviews and half hour public interaction.
4. The BSD Syndrome Concept, our most important and "people issue" to date (explained below in part, which in my view is the future of Domestic Violence analysis and discussion).
5. A Bumper Sticker Programme, utilizing our most poignant "One Liners."



This **Syndrome** will eliminate the terms now used in the **Violence In Relationships Arena**, terms like **victim, batterer, perpetrator, domestic violence** etc. Within the **BSD Syndrome**, you will understand that Violence In Relationships is a paradoxical issue...Characteristics, which have already been well documented elsewhere, now come together under the umbrella of a Syndrome, and paradoxically, what is considered abusive as “outwards behaviour” is complemented and also considered abusive as “acceptance behaviour”, recording the fact that both parties in the relationship have BSD’s. These Characteristics can be explained under 4 Heads, which time and space allows for brief mention here: -

1. Belief System Deficit (BSD)
2. Behaviour Skill Deficit (BSD)
3. Baggage System Dependency (BSD)
4. Biological System Deficit (BSD) and these are the negative components in the Syndrome. The positive action within the Syndrome also termed BSD’s, but refer to methodologies utilized to accomplish Development: -
5. Belief System Development.
6. Behaviour Skill Development
7. Baggage System Development and
8. Biological System Development.

This concept scientifically places the Violence In Relationships Issue, into a medium that takes away the stigma and gender polarizing associated with its treatment in the past. We anticipate resistance to this concept by some women, primarily because every statistic, which lists one person being hurt, will also have to list the other person causing the pain, as being hurt too. A lot of women will find that hard to accept, but we hope that in few years time this will change.

In the past MAVAW actively co-hosted Male Awareness Week in December, Fathers’ Week in June and fully support the entire Women’s Days here. In Canada during the year 2000, we were actively involved with planning the first Dad Walk by the White Ribbon Campaign. This year they celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> Dad Walk on the 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Toronto Zoo. <http://www.whiteribbon.com>. We were also instrumental in changing one Canadian Government programme from “Male Batterers Programme” to “Spousal Abuse Programme”. In Suriname during November 2002, one of the feminist’s organisations there, which has progressed to the “people issue” stage, Foundation Stop Violence Against Women, Director Tienke Sumter, Email [stopgeweld@sr.net](mailto:stopgeweld@sr.net), invited us to participate in a 3-day conference and provide a 4-day training programme for their NGO Sector in the following areas: -

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Domestic Violence Awareness. | 2. Parenting                              |
| 3. Healthy Relationships.       | 4. Domestic Violence and Interior Design. |

The conference Theme was **“Development= Change: From Women Counseling To System Oriented Counseling”** and my presentation was titled “The Role Of Men Against Violence Against Women”. Let me acknowledge that it was at a training session with the top managers of this forward looking feminist group that the BSD Syndrome was fine-tuned with their contribution, from just noting the “baggage” as a characteristic to the “Baggage System Dependency”.

What we firmly believe however is that we as men must take responsibility for male violence and do all in our power to reduce and eventually eliminate it from our society (Violence by men against men, women, children and the environment). If women choose to do or not do the same, they will bear the consequences of their action. We are men not God, so judgment is not ours to pass

Please keep in touch Bert and forgive this long Email.  
Donald Berment, Secretary MAVAW



**Research History Of**

***M.A.V.A.W.***

***From***

**February 1994**

***To***

**July 2001**



## INTRODUCTION

Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW), could be considered to have had a Natural Birth, in that it was a man's idea, put forward and accepted at a forum to deal with rising crime in 1994, hosted by a Feminist Organisation, called The National Women's Caucus (NWC). Said idea was to have a Crime Committee made up of concerned men in society, focussing on violent male behaviour and developing strategies to reduce and eventually stop this male behaviour.

After functioning for about nine months within The National Women's Caucus, the Crime Committee developed into the organisation "Men Against Violence Against Women" and thereafter, MAVAW became an active participant in the "Men's Movement", joining the fifty (50) year old International Men's Movement and the budding Caribbean Movement, which was started in Jamaica in 1991, with the Fathers' Incorporated Organisation.

MAVAW is a Proactive way to take responsibility for Male Violence and to contribute towards the creation of a Violent Free Society, i.e.,--

1. It puts Concerned men to Work and to identify with Problem Solving.
2. It allows men trying to Change, to achieve Success, by Working to help others.
3. It tries to reach men in Denial, who still live in Violent Relationships, by offering them Support and a way out.

MAVAWISM therefore, is the Pursuit of Equal Rights with Consequent Appreciation for the Differences between the Sexes, Utilising the Principle of Equity and with an Accent on Bringing Paternal Care back into the Home wherever it is Lacking.

MAVAW's MISSION is to reduce in the first instance and eventually eradicate unacceptable violence in society, with an emphasis on Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women, using a multi-disciplinary approach, focussing on correcting behaviour skill and belief system deficits.

MAVAW REGISTERED as a Non-Profit Company (M 1799 95) in August of 1998 and has three (3) First Directors, namely: -

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|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1. CHRISTOPHER HOLDER | POLICE OFFICER     | CHAIRMAN.  |
| 2. DONALD BERMENT     | HOUSING SPECIALIST | SECRETARY. |
| 3. DESMOND PERSAD     | ACCOUNTANT         | TREASURER. |

Fiscal Year—1<sup>st</sup> July—to—30<sup>th</sup> June.

Over the period February 1994 to date—July 1999, MAVAW has recorded 381 Outreach Activities/Efforts, spanning the full spectrum of Social Activism, the most high profile are: --

1. Campaign to have our Annual Male Awareness Week in December and our Annual Fathers' Week in June, declared International Events on the United Nations Calendar.
2. Promotion of an Annual Gender Sensitive Calypso Competition, in order to make full use of our major Cultural Entertainment Season, in our Quest for a Violent Free Society.
3. Campaign to build the First Transitional Home For Men In Change Mode.

Activities year by year are listed on the following pages.

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***THE YEAR—1994.***

1. Presentation of “THE RIPPLE EFFECT THEORY” (RET) on Crime at the Chamber of Commerce “National Consultation On Crime”, held in the Queens’ Hall.
2. Attended a ten (10) day Training Course, hosted by the Ministry of Social Development, on the Topic, “Preparing NGO’s to Assist in the Social Service Delivery System”.
3. Sat on a Committee to support Senator Diana Mahabir Wayatt’s Presentation to the Senate on The Unremunerated Work Bill.

***THE YEAR—1995.***

1. Presentation of a “3—Line Paper On Domestic Violence”, in Room 101, UWI’s Engineering Building, said paper promoting the Concept of Full Cycle Human Resource Management.
2. Attendance at Rallies, Processions, Seminars and Exhibitions, disseminating literature aimed at correcting Behaviour Skill and Belief System Deficits.
3. Holistic support to then Member of Parliament, Hulsie Bhaggan, for one year, because she was alleging that Psychological Violence was being done to her.

***THE YEAR 1996.***

1. Attendance at Rallies, Processions etc., was also done in Year 1994 and continued thereafter.
2. Review and Recommendations submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Settlements, on our Country’s Report, to the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, Turkey.
3. Presentation titled “Female Genital Mutilation (FGM): Maximum Male Oppression And Horrific Girl Children Abuse”, for International Day Against Violence To Women.
4. Presentation titled “Domestic Violence And The Men’s Movement”, to a Lunchtime Seminar, at the Centre For Gender and Development studies, on the St. Augustine Campus of the University of the West Indies.
5. Initiation of the First “Male Awareness Week” in December, in collaboration with the then Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Women Affairs.

***THE YEAR 1997.***

1. Sat on a Cabinet Appointed Ad Hoc Committee, to review the 1991 Domestic Violence Act and make Recommendations to correct the problems experienced by persons using said Act.
2. Attended a 3-Day Conference in Barbados, on the Topic “Gender—Families and Sexual Health : A Spotlight On Males”, hosted by the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
3. Presentation titled “Masculinity Construction: A Critique and Experiential Perspective”, to a Workshop at Holiday Inn on Domestic Violence With a Focus on Male Perpetrators.
4. First ever “Fathers Week Celebrations” held in June, with co-host Power 102 Fm Radio.
5. Participant in UNIFEM, Latin America and Caribbean Section—1 Year Campaign Against Violence Against women, from November 25<sup>th</sup> 1997 to December 10<sup>th</sup> 1998.

*Activities continues on the next page.*

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### ***THE YEAR 1998.***

1. Attended World Bank's 2-Day Working Forums on Youth Development, at the Crew's Inn, Chaguaramus.
2. Attended the International Association Of Community Police Officers (IAPCRO's) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference at the Trinidad Hilton "Embracing The Youth Through Community Policing" and delivered a Presentation titled "The Game Of Violence and The Youth Psyche".
3. Presentation titled "Violence In Relationships: Strategies For Prevention", to the Sixth (6) Form students of Tranquillity Government School.
4. Attended a 3-Day Gender Sensitization Workshop at Cascadia Hotel, hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Gender Affairs titled "Training And Sensitization In Gender And Development".
5. Co-hosted with the Centre For Gender and Development Studies Unit at UWI St. Augustine, a Panel Discussion titled "Men And The New Gender Relations", in the ISER Conference Room on Campus, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Male Awareness Week.
6. Celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fathers Week, with a "Fathers Fiesta Exhibition" on Brian Lara Promenade, co-hosted with the newly formed Fathers Who Care Non governmental Group.

### ***T H E Y E A R 1 9 9 9.***

1. Promotion of the first "Gender Sensitive Calypso Competition", in order to introduce a new Challenge to our Local Artist, utilising our major cultural entertainment season.
2. Planning the publication and distribution of a 65 page "Domestic Violence Awareness Handbook", edited by the Chairman of MAVAW, Police Officer Christopher Holder.
3. Attended Rape Crisis Society's 4-Day Induction (Basic Counselling Training Programme), dealing with issues of Sexual and Domestic Abuse.
4. Prepared an Article for a Newsletter of the Women and Development Studies Group, titled "A Man's View Of Violence Against Women".
5. Planning a 1-Year Gender Sensitization Project, with the Women and Development Studies Group at the University of the West Indies, titled "Man To Man : A Training The Trainers Project", which we hope to start in October of 1999 and end in November 2000 and produce a Manual to guide future training, focussing on Reaching The Man Inside.
6. Discussion with Prison Authorities, to address inmates Belief and Behaviour Deficits. All six (6) Institutions are targeted, Carera, Frederick Street Port of Spain, the Youth Training Centre, Maximum Security, Golden Grove Men and Golden Grove Women.
7. Planning with UNESCO Clubs of Trinidad and Tobago, a Project for Forms 1—6 boys, aimed at reducing Violence In schools.
8. Left Trinidad in November of 1999 to go to Canada. During my stay there I completed a 5-Month Developmental Research Project titled "Violence Reduction Strategies In A Large Multicultural, Racially/Tribally Diverse Developed Country—Using the RET Model".

**Activities continue on the next page**

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**T H E Y E A R 2 0 0 0.**

1. Returned from Canada on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2000. On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April I resumed Co-Supervision of “The Man To Man: Training The Trainers Project”, which started in March.
2. Resumed dissemination of information at various fora and intensified radio appearances, which climaxed in a 14-Week—1-Hour Lunchtime Programme, on Radio 104 FM, titled “Talking Gender”. (*Audio tapes of the programmes are available*)
3. Attended National Family Services outreach counselling group sessions, for men and women.
4. Resumed planning with the Prison Authorities and submitted a Healthy Relationships Curriculum, called “Managing Manhood”, to reach inmates incarcerated for sexual offences.
5. Attended a 2-Day Regional Symposium On Juvenile Justice In The Caribbean, titled “Towards A Rights Approach For Children”, at the Crowne Plaza, hosted by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).
6. Resumed planning the Non-Violent Project for Forms 1—6 Boys, of the UNESCO Clubs of Trinidad and Tobago.
7. Attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Men’s Day at Palms Club San Fernando on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.
8. Celebrated UN World AIDS Day with a 3-Day Lecture Series for Curepe Junior Secondary School, Forms 1—3.
9. Spent six (6) months in an Urban environment, Eastside Plaza, Charlotte Street, Preparing and Collecting Preliminary Data for the Study titled, “*Examining The Role Of Intimacy And Violence In Spousal Relationships, And Its Impact On Poverty, In An Urban Environment*”. Lack of funds prohibited full development of this Project, which had Three (3) Components.

**T H E Y E A R 2 0 0 1.**

1. Continued participating in Exhibitions and other forums when invited, disseminating and displaying literature aimed at correcting Belief System and Behaviour Skill Deficits.
2. Prepared Text on Parenting for Desktop Publication, using Ria Rogers guide to Hassle free Parenting.
3. Hosted with the Women and Development Studies Group, the Graduation Ceremony of “The Man To Man: Training The Trainers Project”, in April.

**NOTE:**

1. Awaiting funding to proceed with some of the Projects outlined above
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### **Comment on Proposed Gender Policy—Sat/25/Nov/2006.**

Hello to all and I wish you a pleasant Christmas Season and New Year to you and your loved ones.

My pleasure to be part of the necessary discourse during the “Gender Audit” conducted by the Commonwealth Secretariat at the Centre for Gender and Development on the UWI Campus, was dimmed somewhat by the hurt Professor Reddock felt, when I did not have my notes to support my challenge to the Gender Policy prepared by the Centre.

However in confirming my tremendous respect for MAVAW’s history with the Centre and Professor’s Reddock commitment towards highlighting the importance of men in the Debate on Gender Issues over the years, I also confessed to not having read the whole Policy.

In my defense, when reviewing policy documents, I first examine the Contents, Executive Summary and in this case “The Guiding Principles” to get an overall picture of its intention and balanced focus and if this is not available my desire for further reading wanes.

The Gender Policy Guiding Principles noted the numerous documents and conventions, which deal specifically with the protection and development of women and we support this wholeheartedly. In the absence of any such convention for the specific concerns of men, maybe mention should have been made of what is available, like the Revaluation Counselling Draft Human Male Policy.

Careful analysis of what is noted in the Principles, highlights the well recorded concerns of women, even the absence of women at “top decision making positions”, which we also strongly support, but sadly, it is minus what is the harsh reality of men, i.e., the urgent and immediate need to address the problems of men in prison, men as homeless persons, men not present in their homes or having the opportunity to be role models for their children, men not present at Primary and Secondary School environments, to add balance to the continuous development of our young men and women, young men dying at alarming rates, young men primarily involved in violent crime and so on and so forth.

If the concerns of women is to have such prominence in the “Guiding Principles” of a Gender Policy, men like me and all men in Trinidad and Tobago, must see their concerns also prominently placed there too. Gender is about men and women together, not women and then we add on men to make it appear gender neutral.

I promised Professor Reddock, to read the whole document and provide her with my comments. This will take a while, since the need to have an income is critical. All the documents referred to in the Policy have to be read and I look forward to the exercise.

However, please believe that I have no intention of discrediting the work of these hard working women, since there are men who deeply regret the neglect for and hurt to our other half, but we cannot ignore our own neglect and hurt. The evidence is too glaring, dangerous and not fully considered. If the achievement of a balanced social change movement has to be successful, the work of our women outside of the home environment must be encouraged alongside the work of our men inside the home environment.

***Yours In Nation Building***

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# **M.A.V.A.W.**

# **Goals**

- 1)** Inform MEN about our CONCEPT, which is, that the PRIMARY VIOLENCE being committed Against WOMEN is a PSYCHOLOGICAL One, in that MOST MEN have not Accepted WOMEN as EQUAL, Together with Appreciating Them as DIFFERENT.
- 2)** Provide in the First Instance, for EDUCATION and TRAINING of all our MEMBERS and Well Wishers and in the Second Instance, on Request.
- 3)** Locate, Identify and Register, All MEN in Solidarity with our CAUSE, both in CONCEPT and these GOALS, offering them participation in M.A.V.A.W., which is one of the PROACTIVE ways to take RESPONSIBILITY for MALE VIOLENCE and also which will CONTRIBUTE to CREATING a Violent Free Society.
- 4)** Conduct Research generally and Needs Analysis where possible, on the Incidence and Intensity of VIOLENCE IN RELATIONSHIPS, with an Emphasis on DOMESTIC VIOLENCE dedicating ourselves to Reducing and eventually Eliminating, Unacceptable Violence in Society, using a Multi-disciplinary approach, focussing on Correcting Behaviour Skill and Belief System Deficits.
- 5)** Initiate and/or Engage in Social Activism, in order to push Existing and Emerging Societal Problems with Violent Content, TOWARDS Gender Sensitive Social and Educational Solutions.
- 6)** Develop and Maintain, a NETWORK of Committed and Qualified Members and Friends, in order to Provide Both MEN and WOMEN, with Short Term and Long Term Assistance, Physically, Emotionally and Financially.
- 7)** Affiliate With and/or Work alongside, all other Non-Governmental Groups/Organisations, Civil Society and Governments, who share with us, this Common Goal of Reducing and Eventually Eliminating VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR, In and From our Society.
- 8)** Host when Possible and Attend when Invited, Public Meetings, Seminars, Symposiums, Workshops, Consultations, Conferences etc., both Locally and Internationally.

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LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY

By David Law.

WHEN MEN AND WOMEN DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF THE EQUATION  
SUBTRACTION WILL ALWAYS BE A DISTRACTION  
SUPERIORITY MORE OFTEN THAN NOT BREEDS INSECURITY  
PLEASE LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN FAMILY VALUES ARE NOW AN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS JUST A SERIES IN AN EVOLVING MORASS  
FORGET THE RACE, JUMP OUT OF YOUR CLASS  
LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN SOME OF OUR CHILDREN ARE HOLDING THIS NATION TO RANSOM  
CRIME DRUGS VIOLENCE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY MAY NOT GO AWAY EASILY  
BLAME IT ON PARENTAL FAILURES, POLITICAL MISERIES  
STILL LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN OUR WOMENFOLK ARE TOKENLY HONOURED AND APPRECIATED  
GENDER IMBALANCES ARE IMPREGNATED IN OUR CULTURAL PSYCHE  
DISMANTLE ALL BARRIERS, ADOPT AN ALL INCLUSIVE PHILOSOPHY  
SO WE CAN BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN POVERTY KNOWS NO REGION OR RACE  
IT'S TIME FOR US TO SHARE A HUMANE SPACE  
BUILD ON SOCIAL CAPITAL, PROMOTE ECONOMIC STABILITY  
LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN OUR HOMES HAVE BEEN RIPPED APART BY MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DECAY  
AND THE ONUS IS ON OUR WOMENFOLK TO KEEP THINGS AT BAY  
PRAY FOR OUR MOTHERS, OUR SISTERS TO COPE  
THEIR ONLY AMMUNITION, FAITH AND HOPE  
WE MUST BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN MEN ABSCOND, TRUE FATHER FIGURES STILL TO BE FOUND  
SINGLE PARENTING BECOMES AN ADVERSARY  
THE SILENT RAGE OF A GENERATION, IS MORE THAN A TRAGEDY  
MEN LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN POLITICIANS PONTIFICATE AND LEGISLATE ON SOCIAL VALUES  
PROVIDING ONLY SHORT TERM ECONOMIC CLUES  
THE ROAD TO SOCIAL STABILITY IS LONGER THAN FINANCIAL PRUDENCY  
LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN HOUSEWIVES ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS HOME MANAGERS  
A PERFECT HOME WILL ALWAYS BE A MYTH  
GREATER INCOME BUT NO POWER SHARING  
IS NOT THE STRUCTURE FOR SOCIAL FAMILY PLANNING  
AVOID THE TENSIONS, DO A FEASIBILITY  
LET US BUILD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY.

WHEN WE AS A PEOPLE BECOME VOID OF RACE, CLASS, COLOUR  
AND UNITE WITH ONE VIGOUR  
TO ERADICATE THE SCOURGES THAT LIMIT OUR POWER  
BUILDING A PEACEFUL SOCIETY  
WILL NO LONGER BE A DREAM, BUT A PRACTICAL REALITY  
PEACE, LET US SHARE THE PROCESS.


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Composed by David Law, one of the Management Coordinators of MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (MAVAW) for the  
celebration of International Women's Day 2002 and read by him for the first time at 2.45pm, Friday 8th March 2002 on the Brian Lara  
Promenade, Independence Square, Port of Spain.

(This was the seventh (7th) contribution to this Day by Men Against Violence Against Women.)



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to Grow not  
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## User Registration Small and Medium Enterprises Form 2006

Website <http://www.smeXchange.com>

User Name	donalddbberment
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**Enter Your Registration Information**

Full Name	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Mr. First and Middle Names: Surname:
	<input type="radio"/> Donald Donat Berment
Job Position	Business Owner/Sole Proprietor
Email Address (business)	<a href="mailto:victorberment@yahoo.com">victorberment@yahoo.com</a>
Company Name	Donald D. Berment, Housing Specialist/NGA.
Parent Company	N/A
Phone No	1 (868) 637-0924
Mobile Phone	1(868) 383-6184
Fax No	1 (868) 637-0924
Street Address	No 45 River Estate Circular
Street Address 2	River Estate
City	Diego Martin
State.	Trinidad and Tobago
Constituency	Diego Martin East
Geographic	West Indies in the Caribbean Sea Region
Website (Social Work)	<a href="http://www.mavaw.com-">http://www.mavaw.com-</a> Email: <a href="mailto:mavawsec@yahoo.com">mavawsec@yahoo.com</a>

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**Short narrative on the nature of your business**



Having acquired training/experience in Architecture, Law, Home and Business Management and Social Psychology, a service as a Housing Specialist is offered which utilises all the training/experience ( Formal and Informal) obtained over the last thirty years alongside promoting the concept of Natural Growth Architecture (NGA)

This has been consolidated with a long term research project titled “The Social Effects of and Construction Methods Employed in Community Lifestyles and Low Cost Housing, Relevant to Modern Day Techniques, With an Accent on Tropical Architecture”. This Study utilised the RET (Ripple Effect Theory) and REM (Ripple Effect Model).



**Long narrative on the nature of your business**

I Studied Architecture with the International Correspondence Schools and stopped short of Final Exams when I realised that Programs in Architecture did not prepare Architects to fully understand the Psycho-dynamics of Space Use, i.e. how space affects human behavior and the factor of a dominant partner during the first client interview *I then decided to pursue a lifelong study of Architecture.*

Further, the aspect of Planned and Unplanned Development and its intimately connected relationship was also unavailable for Classroom Study, demanding an intense experiential thrust, from the community transport factor (pulling bull) to dysfunctional relationships (domestic violence and the use of the judicial process to achieve solutions) and the full consideration of nature in designs.

*In addition, the unplanned development in Planned Developments of Small and Medium Enterprise undertakings demanded a strong focus on local Business Management Training in order to satisfy the smooth, efficient operations of Housing Communities.*

As a consequence, knowledge was acquired on how to Register Individual Businesses and Companies, handle Income Tax bookkeeping for final submission to a qualified Accountant, prepare VAT Accounts and relate to personnel/staff concerns with National Insurance Benefits, Individual Income Tax Preparations and Peer Counselling with employee to employee and other relationships.

*My 8 years practicing Law as a Litigant in our local Courts, up to Court of Appeal level, successfully, allows me to provide a para-legal service to clients requiring liquor licences and to do the relevant research on legal problems to satisfy the preparation by a qualified Attorney at-Law for civil and criminal action in the Judicial system.*

**Products/Services Offered**



Design and Construction of your residence. Business Management as it relates to the duties to The Companies Registry, The Inland Revenue Department, The National Insurance Board, The Magistrates Court in Liquor Licensing Matters, The VAT Administration and the personnel records for final presentation to the Accountant to prepare Final Statements and Income Tax Statements. Research of legal problems to satisfy the presentation by an Attorney at-Law in the Judicial system. All such services provided under a Special Agency contract.



**Business Type**  
**Buyer or Supplier**

**Agent**  
**Supplier**

**Business Categories**

☐ Consultancy & Related Services

☐ Engineering & Construction

**Geographic Markets**

North America ☐ Caricom ☐  
☐ Worldwide ☐

**Current Customers**

Giulianos Limited, Food Fax Supermarket, Daniels Grocery, Welcome Inn Mini Mart, Emiliana Company Limited, Alec Food Mart, D-Edge Restaurant, PC Supermarket, Savers Choice Supermarket, Wang Li Supermarket, Kong's Café, Charlotte Street Mini Mart, MAAK's Trading, FLOS Caribbean Limited, Michelle's Sewing Shop, EXCEL Holdings, Lai King Restaurant, 'Ha Ha' Chinese Restaurant.

**Brand Names Offered**

Custom Designed Forms etc. for Customers.

**Principal Place of Business**

No 45 River Estate Circular, River Estate, Diego Martin

**Year Established**

November 30<sup>th</sup> 2004—No BN 82-270

**PAYE No. EO 766-00-1**

NIS Employer No. 119399—ID No. 19480522018.

**Place Of Incorporation**

Trinidad and Tobago, Companies Registry of Legal Affairs.

**Corporate Status**

Sole Proprietor

**Legal Representative/CEO**

Donald D. Berment (plan to study Law in 2006)



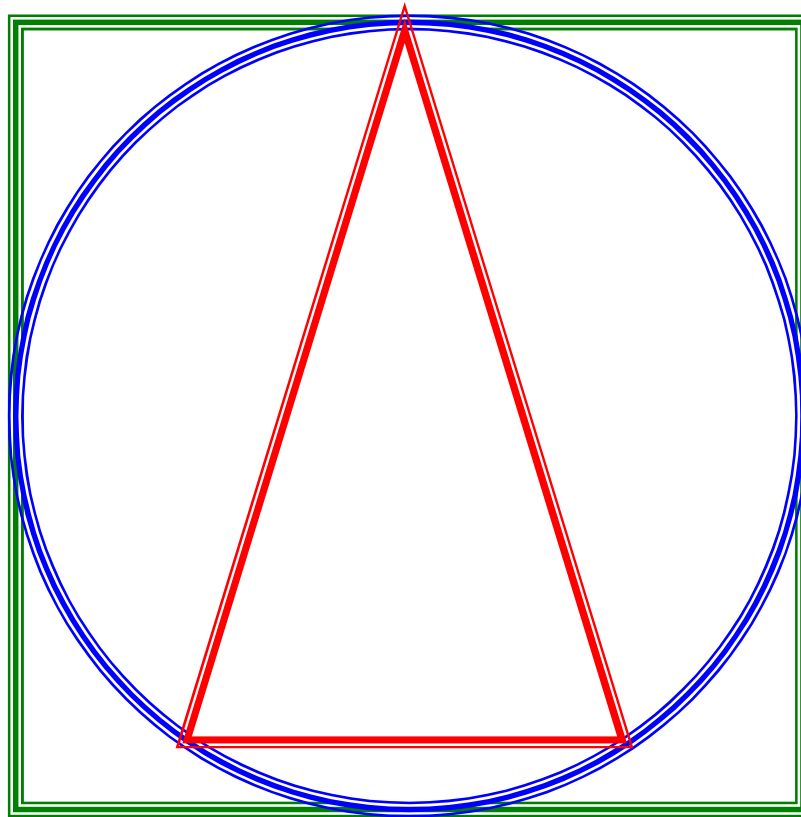
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